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HOW TO ENTERTAIN.

The Thoughtful Kindness That Makes Women Agreeable.
(From House Knowledge.)

To be a belle one need not be beautiful. Of course beauty adds, but it is not essential; but the great quality to possess is tact—that almost undefinable word. We often hear it remarked that such a one is a clever conversationalist. Very young men or women are seldom thus commended, because they do not know what to talk about in society. These are good rules to go by. Scold speak of yourself unless you are asked to do so; but try and talk of things that are of interest to the person with whom you are talking.

If you are conversing with an artist talk of art; ask his views of art, but do not attempt to know as much about it as he does; appear as if he were teaching you something, whether he is or not. This is a case in which to "assume a virtue if you have it not," if ever there was. If you are talking with a musician, writer, or whoever it may be, avoid seeming superior; never converse on subjects beyond the depth of the person you are addressing and be a good listener. The most popular woman is she who observes all these rules, whether she be the prettiest or not. This is what makes a belle; she weighs well her words, and never makes a faux pas.

I remember one evening at a reception a well-known New York belle had just sung charmingly, and had taken her seat amid great applause. Another young lady rose to sing; she was nervous and awkward. It would have been uninteresting under any circumstances, but directly after the other, who had a delightful voice, it was almost painful. The listeners began to talk, stirring their shoulders, etc. Not so our belle; the less attentive others were, the more so she became; she leaned forward and encouraged the singer by her apparent great interest till, by her strict attention, she compelled others to listen. When the song was finished, our belle went to the singer. She could not truthfully praise her efforts, but she did say: "What a beautiful song! Who wrote it? Who is the composer? Would you consider it an emersonian effort if I asked you to permit me to add it to my repertoire?" Don't you suppose that nervous singer thinks our belle the most charming woman she ever met? Of course she does. And what does she care if all the rest were inattentive so long as the favorite of the occasion appreciated it?

At a large ball once given in Delmonico's well-known ball room, a gentleman from Philadelphia was present who, though of good family and pleasant manners with intimates, was still rather awkward and shy before so many ladies. He looked bored and unhappy as he sat, apparently neglected by all; even those who seemed his invitation seemingly did not know exactly how to enable him to enjoy the evening. A certain well-known beauty, who also possessed much tact, saw his loneliness and determined to overcome it. She asked to be presented to him, when she kindly, without being the least abashed, said: "Mr. B—, I have so much desired to meet you; all the other men have used up their small talk on me; you look so thoughtful I am sure you are able to talk something better."

Thus his very awkwardness by her tact she turned into a compliment. Then she said she was tired of remaining in one spot, would he mind promenading around the ballroom with her? She knew he was only too desirous to do so, but she acted as if he were doing her a great favor instead of him receiving a favor from her. She asked his favorite ambitions, sports, books, etc., and he asked hers in return, but she easily led the conversation back to herself. They were the observed of all; as they walked along together, seemingly so engrossed with each other. At last when our belle's partner came to claim her for the next dance she first secured one of the prettiest girls in the house for our diffident young man; she had absolutely made him the fashion, and he was found to be a delightful companion when he was at his ease.

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